

1 **REMARKS**

2 Claims 1, 5, 11, 15, 21, 25 and 26 are currently amended. Claims 3, 4, 13,
3 14, 23 and 24 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 15-22, 25 and 26
4 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks,
5 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject
6 application.

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8 **Examiner Interview**

9 Applicant thanks Examiner Son for the time that he spent on the phone with
10 Applicant on May 16, 2006. During the telephone discussion, the reference to
11 Hillhouse was discussed. In the spirit of that discussion, Applicant has amended
12 the claims, as indicated above. The Examiner indicated that, in view of such an
13 amendment, he would have to do another search, but that after such search was
14 conducted and prior to issuing another Office action, the Examiner would call the
15 undersigned to discuss things further.

16 Applicant is greatly appreciative of the Examiner's time and the Examiner's
17 willingness to advance prosecution in a meaningful and expeditious manner.

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19 **§ 102 Rejections**

20 Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by
21 U.S. Patent No. 6,052,468 to Hillhouse (hereafter "Hillhouse").

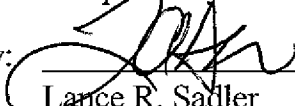
22 The claims have been amended, as indicated above, and in light of the
23 telephone discussion with the Examiner on May 16, 2006. The claims, as
24 amended, traverse the Office's rejections.
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Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

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